

TAOTS PTO

General Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 16, 2017

Auditorium

- I. 8:41 am - Call to order by Co-Presidents, Sandy Chum-Wu and Leslie Tulumello
 - October 2017 Meeting Minutes were made available by Leslie Tulumello and had been up on the PTO website prior to the meeting.
 - *Approval of minutes by vote of 13 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions*
- II. **President's Report:**
 - Revised Bylaws – Chancellor's Regulations had been changed and we were provided with a Bylaws Template. Some highlighted changes to our bylaws include:
 - Increase of suggested membership fee from \$20 - \$25
 - Term limits have been removed
 - Added a position for Technology Secretary to handle our electronic needs. For this year we cannot hold an election for this open position because Chancellor's Regulations indicate that we are not to hold an election mid-year because it is a new position and not a "vacancy".
 - Changed title of "Financial Secretary" to "Assistant Treasurer"
 - *Approval of updated bylaws by vote of 13 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions*
 - Election for Parent Member of SLT open position and Assistant Treasurer PTO position.
 - Parent member SLT position: Richard Klein in uncontested election. *13 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions*
 - Assistant Treasurer position: No nominations
- III. **Principal's Report:** by Mr. Grancaric
 - Next week Ms. Sportella, Ms. Marsh, Ms. Appelbaum, and Ms. Butsikares will be going to Florida to accept our National Blue Ribbon Lighthouse Award. There will be professional development events there all week. Our school will be presenting as well as attending seminars on best practices to apply in our school.
- IV. **Financial Report:**
 - Movie night grossed over \$1,500. The net profit of \$215.51 reflects the purchase of the popcorn machine.
 - Glow Party – students greatly enjoyed it – expenses of \$904 came in well under budget.
 - Election Day Bake Sale – gross profits were around \$1,000 – will be reflected in November Financial Report
 - Box Tops will not be reflected until December or January. 4,527 box tops were mailed in. Winners of the contest were 1-215 who will receive a

Pizza Party. Second place winners 2-210 will also receive a small treat (still undecided)

- Direct Appeal - We are behind where we were last year at this time. Corporate matching has also been lower than last year. Will send out more communication in the next couple of weeks.
- Amazon – please click the link on the website (taotspto.org) to earn money while you shop.
- Specialty-teacher Funding – All five specialty teachers will be given \$500 (which includes \$125 teacher's choice) to help fund specific programs (Ex. Ms. Garcia using funds for pet supplies, Mr. Dubin using funds for band materials, Ms. Marsh using funds for computer program).
- *Approval of October Financial Report by vote of 13 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions*
- Motion to approve funding of \$2,000 toward third semester of Enrichment Clusters. *Approved by vote of 13 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions*
- Motion to approve funding of Spring Staff Lunch on a Professional Development Day or Parent Teacher Conference (\$500). . *Approved by vote of 13 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions*

V. **Upcoming Events and Fundraisers:**

- Pie Sale closes today, November 16. This year we partnered with Tasty Pastry. There will be flavor sampling at the PTO table tonight at PTC. We will need volunteers for distribution on November 21st and 22nd. The sign up sheet is on our website.

VI. **Lice Detection Presentation:**

- Lice can occur all year round.
- Head to head contact is the most common way of spreading. Not carried by pets.
- Admin cannot do random checks. Can check only if signs or symptoms are present.
- If a parent finds lice or eggs notify the school and class parent so that other parents can be notified and take precautions.
- Signs include: itching, irritability, rash on the back of the neck.
- Treatments: Link on PTO website to a Lice Consultant.
- To eliminate lice from the home: wash clothing, bedding, towels, etc used within the preceding two days. Lice are killed by temperatures above 128° F. Vacuum furniture and carpets. Seal any items that cannot be washed or vacuumed in airtight bag for two weeks.

VII. **Q&A:** A parent would like to know if the PTO could set up a Middle School forum with TAOTS' parents who also have Middle School students. The PTO will keep that in mind to include in an upcoming agenda.

VIII. Meeting adjourned